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Chair: Ms. Degener

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The discussion covered in the summary record began at 4.15 p.m.

General comments (*continued*)

Draft general comment on articles 4 (3) and 33 (3) of the Convention (*continued*)

1. **The Chair**, drawing attention to the final version of the draft general comment on articles 4 (3) and 33 (3) of the Convention, concerning the participation of persons with disabilities in the implementation and monitoring of the instrument, said that the document, which had been circulated informally, reflected the amendments proposed by members during the Committee's earlier consideration of the draft (CRPD/C/20/R.2). She invited Mr. Langvad, the chair of the working group on the draft general comment, to conduct the public reading of the text prior to its formal adoption.

2. **Mr. Langvad** read out the draft general comment on articles 4 (3) and 33 (3).

3. **The Chair** said she took it that the Committee wished to formally adopt the draft general comment, as just read out.

4. *It was so decided.*

5. *The draft general comment was adopted.*

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6. **Ms. Quan-Chang** (International Disability Alliance (IDA)) said that her organization congratulated the Committee on its achievements at the current session. On behalf of the national representatives of organizations of persons with disabilities who had participated in the Committee's work, she wished to thank the Committee for taking their concerns into account. Ever since its establishment, the Committee had welcomed the participation of organizations of persons with disabilities in all aspects of its work, thereby facilitating the full implementation of articles 4 (3) and 33 (3) of the Convention.

7. IDA welcomed the joint statement of the Committee and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on guaranteeing sexual and reproductive health and rights for all women, in particular women with disabilities. The statement was a call for a human rights-based approach that safeguarded the reproductive choice and autonomy of all women, including women with disabilities. In addition, IDA fully supported the Committee's statement calling on States parties to oppose the draft Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine, concerning the protection of human rights and dignity of persons with mental disorders with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment, and was grateful to Bulgaria and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia for declaring their opposition to that text.

8. IDA congratulated the Committee on the adoption of its general comment No. 7 (2018) on the participation of persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities, through their representative organizations, in the implementation and monitoring of the Convention. IDA played an important role in promoting the participation of persons with disabilities in the Committee's work and thus welcomed the general comment as a set of guidelines for giving effect to the slogan "Nothing about us without us".

9. IDA also welcomed the Committee's announcement that it would cooperate with the Committee on the Rights of the Child on a joint working group on children with disabilities. It looked forward to sharing the expertise of its member organizations in that regard.

10. **Mr. Pyaneandee** said that, as an outgoing member, he wished to emphasize the importance of the Committee's work to all persons with disabilities. He had learned a great deal during his time as a Committee member, both from other members and from civil society.

11. **The Chair** said that she wished to express appreciation for the work of all the outgoing members. She had been honoured to serve as a member, and latterly as Chair, of the Committee. She hoped that the Committee would continue striving to uphold the human

rights-based model of disability and to ensure that no person with a disability was left behind.

12. After the customary exchange of courtesies, she declared the twentieth session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities closed.

The meeting rose at 5.55 p.m.